UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS PECOS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
vs. § NO: PE:24-CR-00165(1)-DC
§
(1) ERNESTO VILLARREAL JR. §

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON FELONY GUILTY PLEA REGARDING COUNTS ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, AND NINE OF THE INDICTMENT

On this day, the Court considered the Findings of Fact and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge regarding Defendant's plea of guilty to Counts ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, AND NINE of the INDICTMENT in the above-numbered cause. Having conducted a proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court accept the guilty plea of the Defendant.

No objections have been filed to the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendation within the time period set by law, and neither party has requested a *de novo* review of the plea proceedings before the Magistrate. If a *de novo* review becomes necessary at any point during the pendency of the cause, the Court reserves the right to conduct it. Based on the current record before the Court, since it appears that the Findings and Recommendation are neither clearly erroneous nor contrary to law, the Court is of the opinion that said Findings and Recommendation should be adopted.

It is accordingly ORDERED that the Findings of Fact and Recommendation of the United

States Magistrate Judge filed November 20, 2024, are hereby ADOPTED.

It is further ORDERED that the Defendant's guilty plea is accepted and approved by the Court.

It is finally ORDERED that the Court finds Defendant GUILTY on Counts ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, AND NINE of the INDICTMENT in the above-numbered cause and enters a JUDGMENT OF GUILTY against the Defendant as to Counts ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, AND NINE.

SIGNED this 5th day of December, 2024.

DAVID COUNTS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE